

PROGRESS MONITORING STUDY IN EARLY WRITING
PICTURE-WORD PROMPT
1st grade

Materials Needed:

1. Timer
2. Pencils
3. Directions for administration
4. Teacher copy of the task
5. Picture-word task for students

Directions:

Draw a picture of a tree, write the name of the object underneath, make two lines next to it on the board and write a sentence containing the word on the board.

Provide each student with a pencil and a picture-word prompt packet. Place the worksheet face up on the table/desk in front of each student.

Say to the students:

In a few minutes, I'm going to ask you to write some sentences. You will write one sentence for each picture in your packet. First, let's name the picture on the board.

This is a tree. (Point to the picture on the board.)

Say it with me: "tree." (Make sure all students say the word.)

Let's make a sentence with this word. (Ask one or more students to make a sentence with this word. Write this sentence on the two lines next to the picture on the board. Read this sentence aloud to the whole class.)

You will write one sentence for each picture. (Point to the example on board.) ***Start at the top, then go down the page. When you reach the end of a page, continue on the next page.*** (Show the students what you mean with the sample copy).

Keep writing until I ask you to stop. When I say "stop," I want you to raise your hand with your pencil in it, like this (demonstrate).

Remember to do your best work. If you don't know how to spell a word, just make your best guess. If you make a mistake, just cross it out.

Now, everyone should point their pencil to the first line. When I say "begin", write one sentence for each picture. Make sure all the students are ready to start and say: ***Please begin writing.*** (Start the timer set for 3 minutes).

Monitor students' participation. If individual students pause for about 10 seconds or say they are done before the three minutes have passed, say to the whole class: ***Keep writing until the timer rings.*** This prompt can be repeated if students should pause again.

When the timer rings after 3 minutes say: ***"Stop. Raise your hand with your pencil in it."***